

ABSOLUTE RATING: Below Average

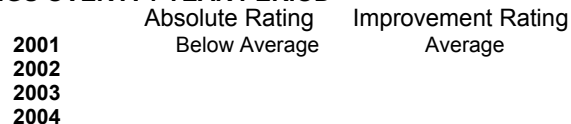
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 112.

The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent.

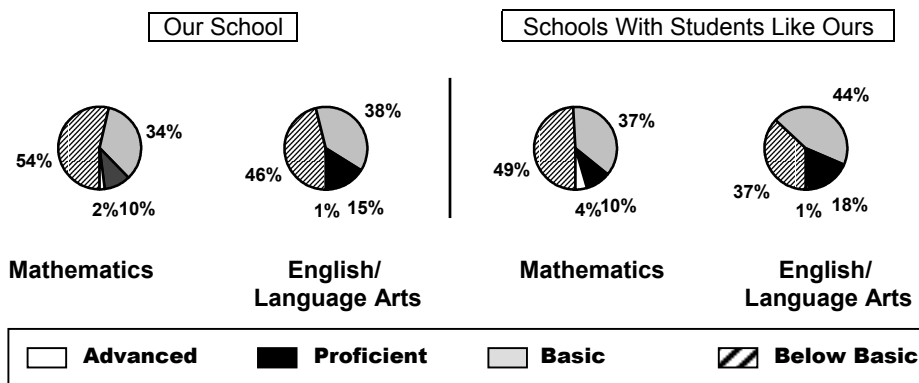
For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=344)	53.8	46.5	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=13)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=330)	55.5	48.3		
Gender				
Male (n=164)	48.8	50		
Female (n=179)	58.7	43.3		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=343)	53.9	46.5		
Hispanic (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
Other (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=313)	52.4	44.9		
Pay for lunch (n=30)	70	63.3		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,227	N/A	\$6,005	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	89.6%	Down from 90.2%	89.6%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	15.2 to 1	N/A	16.8 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=691)				
• Attendance Rate	95.4%	Down from 95.9%	96.2%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	0%	N/A	7.2%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	0%	N/A	6.5%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	100%	Up from 96.5%	98.2%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	4.6%	Down from 6.7%	5.8%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=52)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	6.8 Days	Down from 7.3	7.3 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	95.1%	Down from 95.5%	95%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	11.5%	Down from 13.5%	43.6%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	67.3%	Down from 71.2%	77.3%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	2.9%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	73.8%	Down from 78.9%	81.3%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$31,596	Up 4.2%	\$36,027	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	59.5%	N/A	64.1%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	5	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	30.2%	N/A	87.2%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	55.4%	Up from 53.5%	63.9%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	4.5%	Up from 2.3%	2.1%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	2	1
• Gifted and talented	1%	Up from 0.5%	5%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	2.7%	Down from 3%	8.4%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

It has truly been a productive year at North Vista Elementary School. Students, parents, and school staff worked together to get better. We constantly searched for ways to ensure that we delivered a quality instructional program. We are extremely proud of the following:

- . Pilot Site for the State of South Carolina Lead Awareness Campaign
- . Eight Students qualified for the Pre IB Program
- . Lieutenant Governor's Writing Award Program
- . Twenty students inducted into the Beta Club
- . One hundred twenty students became members of the BUGS (Bringing UP Grades) Program
- . Ten staff members participated in the South Carolina Reading Initiative

Our staff worked very hard this year. We renewed our 10-year accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

We had four teachers to apply for National Board Certification. Miriam Dew was selected Teacher of the Year for the School. Holly Williams was named Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year for the local store. We had a core team of 3 teachers, 1 school administrator, and two district office officials to visit a high performing school district in Velasco, Texas.

During the school year, the school improvement council reviewed and monitored our school improvement plan. The plan was comprised of three target goals in the areas of higher order thinking skills, expanding and integrating knowledge, and research and technology. Students were trained to use Thinking Maps in all curricular areas, and they were exposed to a variety of assessment strategies including self-assessing and goal setting. Technology was used by students and teachers as a means of presentation and accomplishing a task, and as a source of information and as a learning strategy.

Our PTA is actively involved in improving the total school program. PTA purchased puppets for our Character Development Program, published Summer Enrichment booklets created by classroom teachers, and sponsored an Academic Carnival for Students.

At North Vista Elementary we are a community of learners welcoming parents, community members, and local businesses as a valuable part of our team.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	N/A	N/A	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	N/A	N/A	
Satisfied with home-school relations	N/A	N/A	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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North Vista Elementary
1100 North Irby Street
Florence, SC 29501-1599

Grades PRE-K K-6 Elementary School

Enrollment: 691 Students

Principal

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Below Average

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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